

SMOKING MAKES BOYS GO WRONG

Boston, May 17.—The use of tobacco acting as a "social suggestion" is the first thing that sends boys to the bad, according to Professor M. W. O'Shea, who spoke before the National Teachers' Association here today at its seventh annual meeting.

"Going to the bad," added Professor O'Shea, "does not necessarily mean committing any crime or getting in jail. The things that are most dreaded in a boy's conduct by parents and teachers involve usually the forming of habits which waste the energy and bring disease upon the individual. Usually the boy goes wrong when he fails to hold his sensuous impulses in check, or when he fails to develop mind and body so that he can accomplish what modern society thinks is necessary for individual and social well-being."

Professor O'Shea stated that in other countries it was quite the thing for a boy to use his vitality in the gratification of lower impulses and "The American youth in our times," he added, "must exercise considerable self-control and give himself to wholesome physical, intellectual and social activities in order to avoid going to the bad."

Continuing, Professor O'Shea spoke in part as follows: "Here is the difficulty. Parents, teachers, and all students of human nature know that the chief suggestions that play upon the boy tend to arouse the old impulses that urge him to dissipation. There is money in appealing to the boy's elemental passions. Everywhere he goes, the stage is set for him and inflame him."

"Moreover, the majority of boys now reared under the complex conditions of city life. They are incessantly stimulated and overstimulated. They live constantly with adults and imitate them. Conduct which might be all right for the adult is stimulated by immature individuals with disastrous results. All students of human nature realize that overstimulation in early years leads to ripening too early with cessation of development in one respect or another. It always leads to lack of nervous poise and balance with the result that impulses easily get the upper hand of an individual in times of stress and strain. No civilization has yet solved the problem of city life. The chief cause of degeneracy in the race has been the inability to conserve youth under urban conditions."

"Parents and teachers realize that one thing that sends the boy to the bad is the use of tobacco early. So far as the boy is concerned, this is a matter purely of social suggestion. When he first uses tobacco, everything in him rebels. He learns it simply because it is forced upon him through suggestion. And when he comes to use it a particular psychological effect upon him results. It makes him feel that he is mature, so that he tends to become indolent in his attitude toward the school and the teachings of the home. It may be that tobacco does not hurt the boy physically, but it certainly robs him of his simplicity and practicality; and tends toward his arrest on a low plane, a plane on which he does not use his mind or body for the highest uses."

President's Clear Vision.
President Wilson in his recent New Jersey tour made it plain to his fellow citizens of the union that he is laboring under no delusions as to the political conditions which made the success of his party possible at the last election.

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phrase, "The democratic party took judgment by default," and it is all to the credit of the wisdom of the president that he so fully and so keenly comprehends the position of the administration and of the party.

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necessity for considering most carefully every important administrative act and legislative measure, looking well at all times to the welfare of the people and the continuing of the prosperity of the country, he may be able to place his party once again in the majority of the popular vote of the country.

Two years run rapidly in the course of a nation, and when November, 1914, arrives the country will pass upon the entire membership of the national house of representatives and probably upon one-third of the membership of the senate.

The result of that popular scrutiny, whether it be approval or disapproval, can be largely determined by executive action, by executive advice, counsel, and support of measures conducive to the advancement of the interests of the majority of the people.

The responsibility does not all lie with congress, or with the members of the cabinet, and as he so well evidenced in his trip to New Jersey and in his addresses there, the president shirks neither the responsibilities of the private citizen, the party leader, nor those of the executive of a mighty nation.

This realization of the party's weakness and surrounding dangers should make for party safety, for party success.

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Why They Married.
Postal cards were sent out to all the married men in a certain town of western New York carrying the question, "Why do you marry?" says the Chicago Record-Herald. The following are some of the answers returned:

"That's what I've been trying for 11 years to find out."
"Married to get even with her mother—but never have."
"Was freckle-faced and thought it my last chance. I've found out however, that freckles ain't so bad as henpeck."
"Because I was too lazy to work."
"Because Sarah told me five other young fellows had proposed to her.—Lucky dogs!"
"The old man thought eight years courtin' was long enough."
"I as lonesome and wanted someone to make me lively. N. B.—She makes me lively, you bet!"
"I was tired of buying ice and candies and going to theaters and wanted a rest. Have saved money."

"A Curious Situation."

The alien land ownership bill which has been passed by the California legislature has been productive of some very strange and inconsistent political situations. Secretary of State Bryan's journey across the continent, at the behest of a Democratic administration, to plead with the Californians not to pass the bill was the first peculiar incident in this matter. It was strange, because of Mr. Bryan's announcement, while on his way to the Pacific coast, that California had authority under its rights as a State to pass any kind of alien land ownership law it might desire to put in force. That is, that the State's rights are superior to the treaty making power of the Federal Government and the treaty rights of a friendly nation. It is strange that the Great Commoner failed so signally as a diplomat, when he went at his work so unwisely, and asked the California legislature to withhold the exercise of a right that the larger part of the Southern press had been insisting the State should exercise. And was it not a little odd for this great stickler for States rights to threaten the Californians with interposition by the Federal courts to invalidate the alien land law if it was enacted?

Another curious feature of the transaction is the declaration of Mr. Bryan, made as the representative of the President, that he would look to the people of California though the referendum to nullify the act of the legislature, and in that way prevent the exercise of what the Washington Post has declared to be an inherent right of the State.

Another surprising feature is that the Progressives, who are in absolute control of the legislature and state government of California, have been pushing the bill through and asserting that the rights of the State were superior to the treaty making power of the Federal government, while the Democratic administration has been holding the opposite.—The Marion American.

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The Rev. Joseph Owens, the Baptist minister who recently deserted his wife and children and eloped with Mrs. Blankenbecker, of Washington county, Va., and who was captured at Williamson, after being betrayed by the woman with whom he eloped, is now in jail at Abingdon, Va., and will be given trial for his misconduct. The court has appointed H. E. Widener to defend Owens, as the minister stripped himself of all coin in his long jaunt with Blankenbecker's wife. The minister whose wife was stolen furnished the money that brought Owens back to stand trial, having posted a reward. Owens makes no denial that he ran away with Mrs. Blankenbecker, but is quoted as making strenuous denial that he carried with him any of the funds for the new church which he represented that he was going to build in the community.

Mrs. Blankenbecker, who was a Miss Edmunds of Tazewell county, is said to be thoroughly repentant, and is anxious to get back to her husband. The excuse which she offers for her conduct is that Owens exercised hypnotic influence over her, bringing her completely under his control. When this charm wore off, as she is quoted, she realized for the first time her predicament. She detested Owens and immediately related the story of her elopement to the authorities at Williamson, with the result that Owens was placed under arrest and locked up, pending information from the community from which he and Mrs. Blankenbecker

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Taking Thought For Tomorrow.

When making your garden, do not forget the lavender plant. If you can not get the seeds, get plants from the florist or nurserymen, and grow a few hills at least, in order to have the dried herbs in your linen closet. Another lovely plant is the rose geranium, and it is not at all hard to grow. Before the leaves get coarse and hard, gather and dry them, and they will give a delightful fragrance to the closets and drawers.

One of the dear old plants our mothers used to cherish is the lemon verbena, which is not a verbena at all, but a green house shrub, and any one can grow it in the window, or planted out in the garden in the summer and kept in the cellar in winter, when the leaves fall. The leaves give a delightful fragrance, but you must gather them while still growing.—The Commoner.

First Graham Auto.

James F. Dudley, of West Graham, heads the list of Graham men in the purchase of an automobile. While at Tazewell the first of the week he bought one and was driven home in it that evening. The family have taken several rides and are greatly pleased with the machine.

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